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To the Queens most Excellent MAJESTY,

*The Humble Address of the Governor, Council
and Assembly of JAMAICA.* [1711.]

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Governor, Council and Assembly of *Jamaica*, do with all imaginable Sense of Gratitude, presume to approach your Majesties Royal Throne, the assured Refuge of all who are distressed; most humbly to acknowledge your Majesties great Compassion and tender Regard to us, in the Relief you have been pleas'd to give us for the Time to come, from those Duties on the *American Act* of Parliament, which were so insupportable to us; we see *Madam*, and are convinc'd, that the happiness and prosperity of Your Subjects, is Your Majesties continual Care and Delight; and we are thereby imboldned to make this our further Address, most humbly to beseech Your Majesty to extend Your Bountiful Compassion likewise to many poor Families, and a great number of Sea-faring Men belonging to this Your Island, who have been Captors and Owners of several Prizes, long since taken, and who are become liable to the payment of those Duties upon Bonds already entered into; and which, if Your Majesty is not Graciously pleas'd to remit to them, must not only be their inevitable Undoing, but will prove a great Discouragement to the settlement of this Your Colony,

And in Regard that several of the Agents for Prizes, to counter-secure themselves against the Bonds they had entered into, have kept in their Hands, out of such Prizes as they were concerned for, as much if not more, than the Real Debts amounted to; which Agents, if Your Majesty shou'd be graciously pleas'd to remit the said Bonds, would take the entire Benefit to themselves, of the Shares of such Owners and Captors, as shall never come to demand the same.

We therefore humbly beg leave, further to address Your Majesty, That such Agents may be Obliged to Account, in such manner as Your Majesty shall think fitting, for what was so deposited or detained in their Hands, which will be a great Encouragement to Sea-faring Men to return to this Island, and partake of Your Royal Favour: And that the Parts and Shares of such as shall not return by a Time to be prefix'd by Your Majesty and Your Parliament, may be secured for, and we humbly hope, applyed to the Government of this Your Island, which, at present, in many parts thereof labours under many great and real Wants.

We are deeply sensible, (*Madam*) that as this Your Majesties Island has suffered many dreadful and amazing Calamities, and very great Disappointments in its Settling, so it's owing to Your Majesties Piety and Princely Care, that we have been hitherto supported and protected under them. From these benefitts received from Your Majesty, we conceive Hopes of lasting Happiness, to our selves and Posterity, and in return of them we can only redouble our Zeal for Your Majesty, and offer our Prayers to Heaven, long to preserve Your Sacred Life, in which the Religion, Safety and Welfare of Your own People, and the Peace of all Christendom, are so Visibly Concerned.

18th, October, 1711.

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OF THE

Governor, Council and
Assembly of Jamaica,

Lately Presented to Her Majesty.

W E Your Majesty most Gracious and Loyal Subjects the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica, do with all imaginable Sincerity and Affection, present to your Majesty this humble Address, the assured Assurance of all who are distressed; most humbly to acknowledge your Majesty's great Compassion and tender Regard to us, in the Relief you have been pleased to give us for the Time to come, from those Burdens on the Highway of Poverty, which were so insupportable to us; and we are so convinced, that the Happiness and Prosperity of your Subjects is your Majesty's continual Care and Delight; and we are therefore most humbly to make this our former Address, most humbly to present to your Majesty, to extend your Beneficial Compassion, to the poor and distressed Families, and a great number of suffering Men belonging to this Your Island, who have been Captives and Owners of several Negroes long since taken, and who are become liable to the payment of those Debts upon Bonds already entered into; and which your Majesty is not Graciously pleased to remit to them, and not only by their virtuous Conduct, but will give a great Encouragement to the Elements of this Your Colony.

And in regard that the Agents for Prizes, to counter-balance themselves against the Bonds they had entered into, have kept in their Hands, out of their Prizes, as they were concerned for, as much if not more, than the said Debts amounted to; which Agents, your Majesty should be graciously pleased to remit the said Bonds, and take the same Bonds to themselves, for the Shares of such Captives and Owners, who come to demand the same.

And in regard that the Agents for Prizes, to counter-balance themselves against the Bonds they had entered into, have kept in their Hands, out of their Prizes, as they were concerned for, as much if not more, than the said Debts amounted to; which Agents, your Majesty should be graciously pleased to remit the said Bonds, and take the same Bonds to themselves, for the Shares of such Captives and Owners, who come to demand the same.

We are deeply sensible (Madam) that as this Your Majesty's Island has suffered many dreadful and amazing Calamities, and very great Disturbances in its settling, so it is owing to Your Majesty's Pity and Princely Care, that we have been hitherto supported and protected under them. From these benefits received from Your Majesty we conceive Hopes of lasting Happiness, to our selves and Posterity; and in return of them we can only redouble our Zeal for Your Majesty, and offer our Prayers to Heaven, long to preserve Your Sacred Life, in which the Religion, Safety and Welfare of Your own People, and the Peace of all Christendom, are so visibly Concerned.

QUEENS most Excellent
M A J E S T Y

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